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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Sir:

Responsive to the Office action mailed October 25, 2006 ("the OA"), Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendments and consideration of the remarks set forth herein. A response was initially due January 25, 2007. Applicants herein submit a petition for a three month extension of time to April 25, 2007, under 37 C.F.R. §1.136, with the appropriate fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendments and consideration of the remarks set forth herein. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Amendment to the specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendment to the claims is reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 12 of this paper.

The following documents are enclosed herewith:

- Transmittal letter,
- Petition for a 3 month extension of time;
- supplemental ADS (Application Data Sheet).